

Environment & Energy Commission

City of Columbia & Boone County

Daniel Boone Building, Third Floor Conference Room

Minutes of Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Present: Walters, Sax, Lenhardt, Miles, Deken, Collins

Absent: Skala, Hunter, Cunningham, Turner, Brodsky

City Staff Liaison: Brown

1. Deken called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
2. The Agenda was approved as amended.
3. The Minutes of 24 October 2006 were approved as presented.
4. Layli Terrill, Waste Minimization Supervisor for the City, substituted for Christine Gardener and discussed the operation and major issues at the City Re-cycling Center (MRF). A major problem is sorting out Styrofoam and other contaminants. Another big issue is public awareness and compliance relative to re-cycling. Sax will pursue the issue of medical needle re-cycling. Walters will research options Columbia may have in recycling #5 plastics.
5. Deken posed issues and questions relative to the City issuing vouchers for blue and clear refuse bags. The Council has tabled the matter, indefinitely. How about decomposing bags for lawn trimmings? Is Pay as You Throw viable for Columbia?
6. Walters gave an example of a typical process for obtaining a Land Use Permit from the City for both a commercial and a residential development. The residential project example was The Vineyards, and the commercial project example was Broadway Bluffs. Bottom line in Walter's opinion: the process isn't foolproof for environmental protection, but it is also not a slam dunk for developers.
7. Deken introduced a proposed letter from the EEC to the City Council/Mayor urging them to enact ordinances relative to energy efficiency requirements in Rental Properties. The Commission voted to forward the letter, with only modest editorial changes.
8. The revised Lenhardt/Sax document on New Development Guidelines was presented and discussed. Suggestions were made and Lenhardt/Sax will incorporate as best they can.
9. Deken asked the Commission to review the City Tree Ordinance, and be prepared to comment at the next EEC meeting.
10. The Commission decided to tentatively meet on December 19, and requested that Deken poll the membership ASAP on probable attendance.
11. Miles noted the 28 Oct 2006 Columbia Tribune article about an advanced solar/energy efficient home being built in Terrapin Hills by Steven Segal and his wife, Catharine Mouton. Walters will contact the owners about a possible tour and/or presentation for the EEC.
12. The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Prepared by: John B. Miles, EEC Secretary